

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2544

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Import of Seeds

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is importing seeds from various countries;

(b) if so, the total quantity of seeds imported into the country during the last three years and the current year, year and country-wise; and

(c) the revenue generated therefrom during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) and (b) : The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare is not directly importing any seeds from any country. However, the New Policy on Seed Development, 1988 allows import of seeds and planting materials of cereals, coarse cereals, pulses, oilseeds, fodders, fruits and vegetables to any individual or any firm on fulfilment of certain conditions and also on the fulfilment of conditions laid down in the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003.

Information related to country wise import of seeds into India during the last three years and the current year (April to December, 2015) is annexed.

(c): Revenue generated through customs duty on seed imports during the last three years and the current year (April to December, 2015) is given as under:

Customs Duty Collected on Imported Seeds

Financial Year Duty (in Rs. Crore)

2012-13 120.88

2013-14 115.29

2014-15 136.88

2015-16 (Apr to Dec 2015) 94.01

COUNTRY-WISE IMPORT OF SEEDS Annexure

(VALUES IN US \$)

Country 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 (Apr to Dec)

qty(kg) val qty(kg) val qty(kg) val qty(kg) val

SOMALIA	7983060	9948955	25745530	43859876	20146425	35846494	10970779	13202190
TURKEY	12569601	26914141	14411217	49271416	10930570	33114014	7627179	23017643
SUDAN	23316974	22880699	19781180	30390181	30970792	27606069	35152068	39426983
CHILE	112914	14224690	97914	12529590	141308	17262539	119331	15336398
EGYPT A RP	13833170	21193838	5354600	7968321	11159000	17123626	9015000	12477450
ITALY	4395424	9308260	4014391	10926864	7065879	16960820	7181722	13563121
THAILAND	927939	13998297	1282884	16045413	219413	16686391	135933	15589544
GHANA	20987253	10181540	37853579	19957004	28350102	16161083	13568480	7108404
U S A	614747	6921825	858948	8096558	1412560	13742171	917790	8975993
VIETNAM SOC REP	4715627	13698113	2923109	8349592	4385495	13007094	3058350	8737295
CHINA P RP	1439638	9794487	730388	7201890	2015990	10836579	2515410	11627947
AFGHANISTAN	1910223	7090699	2190714	7232758	2498403	9584965	1989690	7535467
TAIWAN	6654	3184591	9166	4884075	24421	6226856	11545	4988969
PAKISTAN IR	10141442	7068882	17067617	32159157	6096573	4879860	3670514	2810745
NIGERIA	7486049	10881064	12698720	22877659	3459310	4470003	4618973	3686414
KOREA RP	73703	2763840	84182	2198310	695474	4300120	92532	3028542
TANZANIA REP	1399382	2059466	996280	1543787	837873	3103181	253044	946711
NEW ZEALAND	623625	1441205	897651	2664645	1095863	3042823	1366780	3997095
PHILIPPINES	49864	2672664	36778	1551155	52327	2537459	47223	2228245
FRANCE	54383	1777427	168812	2265936	295727	2455152	348836	2178957
AUSTRALIA	1236705	1751279	127934	1183842	307599	1586332	50095	1150584
GUATEMALA	131	337817	100101	1197584	69173	1537153	76205	1367160
ETHIOPIA	2453000	3866525	1261700	2670603	673000	1441656	1158600	1430282
UKRAINE	182000	129993	155727	198010	1272000	1302779	1109550	944211

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